Schemes	Unit	Estimated Cost (Rs. in Crores)
Freight Wagons		
(a) Wagons 4 wheel units	12000	600.0
Multiple Units		
(a) Electrical Multiple Units (12'0" Stock)	350	215.0
(b) Mainline Elect. Multiple Units (10'-6" Stock)	150	90.0
(c) Diesel Multiple Units	150	90 0
Rail Buses		
B. G.	50	15.0
M. G.	30	6.0
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	On the pattern of Bandra Station (Western Railway)	

(ii) Tourist Trains : Global bids were invited from 23-5-94 to 25-7-94 from public and private sectors for ownership, marketing and management of Palace on Wheels type tourist trains on five tourist circuits on the Broad Gauge entailing an investment of Rs. 100 crores on rail transport infrastructure by the bidders.

(c) So far the response has been encouraging.

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2403. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE :
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR :

Will the Miinster of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) how many proposals for opening new divisions in Western railways have been received by Government of India ;

(b) how many of them have been accepted ;

(c) what are the criteria adopted in acceptance of these proposals;

(d) the reasons for not opening a new railway division at Ahmedabad/Gandhinagar ; and

(e) whether Government of India accepts, in principle, the request of Government of Gujarat for opening a new railway division at Ahmedabad or Gandhinagar ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) Government have received suggestions/ proposals for the opening of two new Divisions on Western Railway.

(b) No new division has been approved by the Government during the past three years.

(c) New Railway divisions are set-up taking into consideration the size, workload, growth and pattern of traffic and other operational requirements consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency.

(d) and (e) The matter relating to creation of new divisions is presently under study and examination and a final decision will be taken after the study is completed.

Completion of gauge conversion projects

2404. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) to what extent Government have completed the gauge conversion projects in different zonal railways and opened them to passenger traffic during the last three years;

(b) the total cost of gauge conversion incurred by Government zone-wise, during the same period ; and

(c) the total work pending in this regard, zone-wise, till date and the cost over-run involved therein ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) During the last three years a total of 3,105 kms. of NG/MG lines have been converted into broad gauge.

(b) The total expenditure incurred by the Govt. on gauge conversion, zone-wise during the last three years is as under :—

Railway	Years (Rs. in thousands Net)		
	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Central	40643	10014	128654
Eastern	0	0	0
Northern	315834	1516216	2174752
North Eastern	147020	647163	795043
Northeast Frontier	6920	830002	597969
Southern	387499	1327405	1482771
South Central	133470	1790274	2110451
South Eastern	0	107331	655694
Western	242542	656873	1366188
TOTAL :	1273928	6885278	9311522

(c) The gauge conversion works till in progress which will be completed in the coming years are as under :—

Central Railway	Nil
Eastern Railway	Nil
Northern Railway	Jodhpur-Jaisalmer Luni-Marwar Jodhpur-Luni Samdari-Bhildi*
N. E. Railway	Sagauli-Narkatiaganj Chhapra-Aunrihar
N. E. Railway	Muzaffarpur-Raxaul Kashipur-Lalkua* Samastipur-Darbhanga
N. F. Railway	Lumding-Dibrugarh & linked lines
Southern Railway	Harihar-Hubli Dindigul-Trichy Tambaram-Trichy
S. C. Railway	Purna-Adilabad Hospet-Hubli-Goa Mehboobnagar-Dronachalam Giddalur-Guntakal Katpadi-Pakala-Tirupati
S.E. Railway	Wadsa-Chanda Fort
Western Railway	Nimuch-Ratlam Rajkot-Veraval Phulera-Ahmedabad Viramgam-Mehasana

*There is no cost over-run in these projects except due to normal escalation during the period of construction except in the case of 2 projects marked with an which are frozen for the present. Cost over-run can be worked out only when the work on these projects is resumed.